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There is a strange organization to this file when 3/14 is page 16 and 2/5 is page 17. This indicates the file was organized later than these dates whereas there should have been such a file at the outset. The longer it takes to establish files the better the chance something can happen to them.

Part of My GAI-FBI file has not been classified, so I do not know whether I have the 1/31 letter. I do not recall it and I haven't time at this moment to go through the unclassified.

When Hoover says he is supplying a set of the memos to the Commission to the CIA he is also saying he hasn't, which is to say he had ruled there is no foreign connection. Otherwise, he should have done this automatically. If there was ever any FBI suspicion Oswald was red or had any espionage potentialities, it would seem that on this basis they'd have consulted CIA. In this event, they should have sent all Oswald-captioned (wow, what that includes!) memos to CIA. But if the Commission was not convinced there was likelihood of Oswald intelligence connections or of those in any way included in the FBI captioning of Oswald, why should it have directed copies be sent CIA, which has no domestic functions (theoretically).

Hoover is careful to not identify "a communication captioned 'Oswald Trip to Mexico' of 11/23. It would seem this is of CIA origin, for it got cables from its Mex City station 11/22 and 23. To say the FBI is forwarding a memo captioned Oswald is to identify nothing. Unless he sent a copy with the letter, of which there is no indication, he tells Rankin nothing. The wonder is the Commission staff stood still for being put on this way.

Does anyone know the "general areas outlined" in Rankin's letter, for again, CIA has no domestic functions.